

THE WESTERN



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Supporting libraries serving our communities

July - August 2020

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Opportunities Abound

With the closing and re-openings and world events, the way libraries do business has turned our worlds upside down. These events help us re-evaluate how we work with our patrons and our communities. Creativity abounds with online programming, activity packets for all ages and special deliveries. With national and world events, there is an opportunity to showcase how “Libraries are for Everyone”. We include materials for people to resonate with their life experiences and to learn about other’s life experiences. There are databases with articles and authoritative resources on subjects such as social justice and equality. In an interview in 2018, William Bruder, architect of the Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix, talked about how the library will always be the heart of democracy. Everything you need to have a balanced life and great opportunities to discover yourself, your community and your potentials can be found in the library.

Oprah Winfrey’s quote on leadership and empathy demonstrates what library staff daily demonstrates from shelving to managing. Leadership is about empathy. It is about having the ability to relate to and connect with people for the purpose of inspiring and empowering their lives.”

No matter the size or type of library, library staff uses their reference interview skills to ascertain patron’s needs using their knowledge and empathy skills. We understand that students may be coming from a family living in poverty or a patron who needs help with using a computer for the first time to complete online applications or unemployment forms. We relate to our avid readers and with those who struggle with reading. We are the welcoming “face” to our patrons both in person and on-line. We provide empathy in the way we organize and shelve our libraries in orderly fashion so people can find what they need. Our libraries are clean and neat for our patrons and staff. We celebrate you who lead with empathy.

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Oprah Winfrey

WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM

ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 28, 2020



KNIGHT MUSEUM & SANDHILLS CENTER

908 YELLOWSTONE AVENUE

ALLIANCE

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Mark Your Calendar

July 28: Western Library System Annual Meeting - Alliance

September 30-October 3:
Virtual Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ASRL) Annual Conference:
"Soar with Libraries: Sharing Our Amazing Resources"

Holidays, Commemorations , Celebrations and Festivals July

National Ice Cream Month

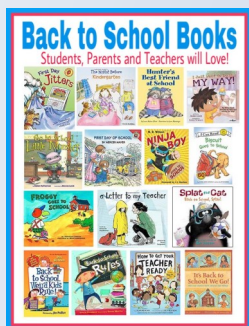
30: International

Friendship Day

<https://www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday/>

30: Paperback Book Day

August



2: National Coloring Book Day

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/503176/50-amazing-coloring-books-celebrate-national-coloring-book-day>

12: International Youth Day

<https://www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday/>

September

Library Card Sign Up Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month

<https://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

8: International Literacy Day

<https://www.un.org/en/events/literacyday/>

15ish: International Dot Day

<http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/>

22: National Voter Registration Day

<https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>



Children

Alexie, Sherman. *Thunder Boy*. Little Brown. 2016

Gonzales, Xelena and Garcia, Adriana. *All Around Us*. Cinco Puntos Press. 2017. (Picture Book)

Morales, Yuyi. *Dreamers*. Neal Porter Press. 2018

Teens

Acevedo, Elizabeth. *Poet X*. Harper Collins. 2018.

Margolin, Jamie. *Youth to Power: Your Voice and How to Use It*. Hachette Go. 2020.

Welteroth, Elaine. *More Than Enough: Claiming Space for Who You Are (No Matter What They Say)* Penguin Books. 2019

Adults

Thorpe, Helen. *The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship and Hope in an American Classroom*. Simon and Schuster. 2013.

Wong, Alice, ed.. *Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century*. Vintage. 2020.

Mars, Laura. *Older Americans Information Resource*. Grey House. 2020.

Talking Book and Braille Service—Nebraska Library Commission

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/index.aspx>

Nebraska Library Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) is part of a nationwide network of cooperating libraries headed by the National Library Service (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress.

TBBS provides free audiobooks, audio magazines and Braille through the mail to individuals with a visual or physical condition, or a reading disability which limits use of regular print. Eligible individuals can also download books and magazines from BARD online.

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



Nebraska Golden Sower Award

Picture Book

Winner: Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick & David Serlin, illus. by Brian Selznick

Honor: The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Drew Daywalt, illus. by Adam Rex

Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings

Chapter Book

Winner: The Magic Misfits by Neil Patrick Harris, illus. by Lissy Marlin & Kyle Hilton

Honor: Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

The Doughnut Fix by Jessie Janowitz

Golden Sower Novel

Winner: Restart by Gordon Korman

Honor: Not If I Save You First by Ally Carter

Refugee by Alan Gratz

There were 24,019 students who read the Golden Sower Award nominees this year and voted for their favorite book. More students read the nominees this year but were unable to cast their votes due to the school cancellations.

More Book Award Announcements from Sally Snyder

The [Bank Street Center for Children's Literature](#) announced, on May 6, 2020, the winners and honor books for two prestigious awards. The [Irma Simonton and James H. Black Award](#) went to *The Crayon Man: The Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons* written by Natascha Biebow and illustrated by Steven Salerno. This award is for "an outstanding book for young children," with text and illustrations working together, and is selected by children. This award has been given since 1973.

The [Cook Prize](#) has been awarded since 2012, and acknowledges excellence in picture books addressing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) in its content. Also selected by children, the 2020 winner is *Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet* written by Elizabeth Rusch and illustrated by Teresa Martinez.

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry is one of the Honor Books for the Irma Simonton and James H. Black Award. Zuri's hair is hard to control. Since today is a special day, Daddy is up to the task. They try several hairstyles with poor results. Then, just the right approach works for them. Everything is ready when Mommy gets home! There is a welcome banner up for her, but we do not know where she has been. A wonderful story of family care and love.

2020 Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL) chose twenty five books, five each in the categories of Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play, to nominate for the CLEL Bell awards. The winner in each category is in ***bold italics***.

READ

- Just Read by Lori Degman, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov (Sterling Children's Books)
- Bookstore Babies by Puck, illustrated by Violet Lemay (duopress)
- This Book of Mine by Sarah Stewart, illustrated by David Small (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- I Do Not Like Books Anymore! by Daisy Hirst (Candlewick Press)
- ***The Book Hog! by Greg Pizzoli (Disney Hyperion)***



TALK

- ***Daniel's Good Day by Micha Archer (Nancy Paulsen Books)***
- Is 2 a Lot: An Adventure with Numbers by Annie Watson, illustrated by Rebecca Evans (Tilbury House Publishers)
- Where Are You From? by Yamile Saied Méndez, illustrated by Jaime Kim (Harper Collins)
- Why? by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Neal Porter Books)
- Nope. Never. Not for Me! by Samantha Cotterill (Dial Books for Young Readers)

SING

- Hush, Little Bunny by David Ezra Stein (Balzer + Bray)
- Salsa Lullaby by Jen Arena, illustrated by Erika Meza (Alfred A. Knopf)
- Nighttime Symphony by Timbaland, illustrated by Christopher Myers and Kaa Illustration (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
- Plinka Plinka Shake Shake by Emma Garcia (Sterling Children's Books)
- ***Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown Mouse by Jane Godwin, illustrated by Blanca Gómez (Dial Books)***

WRITE

- Perfect by Max Amato (Scholastic Press)
- ***The Thank You Letter by Jane Cabrera (Holiday House)***
- This Is a Sea Cow by Cassandra Federman (Albert Whitman & Company)
- Fly Flies by Ziggy Hanaor, illustrated by Alie Bowsher (Cicada Books)
- A Quieter Story by Liza Woodruff (Margaret Ferguson Books)

PLAY

- My Mama Is A Mechanic by Doug Cenko (Blue Manatee Press)
- How To Two by David Soman (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- ***Who Has Wiggle-Waggle Toes? by Vicky Shiefman, illustrated by Francesca Chessa (Holiday House)***
- High Five by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri (Dial Book For Young Readers)
- Side By Side: A Celebration of Dads by Chris Raschka (Phaidon Press)

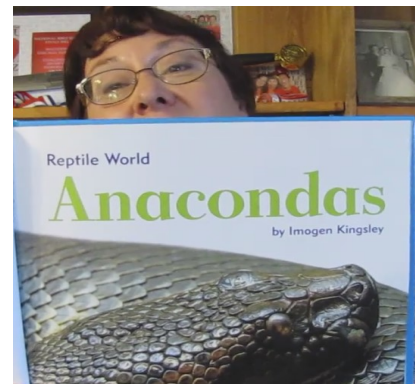
Around the Sun

How the libraries around the Western Library System re-imagined their Summer Reading Programs

Broadwater Public Library



Broadwater Public Library prepared activity packets for their patrons. Cheryl Hamilton created book talks including fan favorite topics such as snakes and dragons. The videos were posted on the Bridgeport and Broadwater Facebook pages.



Gering Public Library

Gering Public Library hosted a socially distanced wildflower walk June 8-21. Public Services Librarian Sherry Preston has a degree in Range Management and a lot of knowledge about native plants. "A former co-worker actually suggested it when she called to cancel the craft workshop she was going to teach for our adult summer reading program," said Preston. She partnered with Platte River Basin Environments (PRBE) to find a piece of public access land in the Wildcat Hills.

"I grabbed some metal flags, a marker and my plant books and spent a couple of hours locating and identifying 28 plants and numbering flags." She typed up a list of the plants as well as some interesting facts about each plant, from how its seeds are designed to how different tribes used each plant for medicine or a food source. She then posted the information on the internet and made handouts for the public. People could drive out there when they had the opportunity and they could take a hike through the prairie, looking for the marked wildflowers. "I also put up a sign at the location with a QR code leading to the PRBE website and one leading to the plant list for folks that might happen along and wonder what the flags were all about."

"The site took some maintenance, I had a mama antelope chewing on my flags and eating the flowers at first, but she must have found another place to graze after a while. I just found other examples of the plants and marked them. Every time I went out there, new things were blooming, so I added them to the line. I started out with 28 plants and ended up with 33." Preston plans to post a video on the library YouTube channel for those who were unable to make it out to the socially distanced wildflower walk.



Grant County Library

A Summer Reading To Remember

The Grant County Library had to change the way our Summer Reading Program was ran this year. We usually have craft days, story hour and a picnic, but of course due to Covid 19, these plans had to be changed.

Our program is now going all summer long instead of two weeks. We are using Reader Zone to have children pre-school through 6th grade record reading minutes. I set goals for them to reach by the end of July. I tried to be easy on my goals as I know most of the kids had to switch to homeschool and they were getting tired of that. It averaged about 40 minutes to an hour a week depending on the age group. The top reader in three different age groups will win a bag with books and other fun summer items in it.

I also am having the children write down titles that they are reading. For every title turned in, they receive a ticket with their name on it to go into a jar. At the end of summer we will draw a name and that person will win a Samsung Tablet.

I have a treasure chest of little prizes that they get to pick from when they meet a goal and also have a prize for them for June and July.

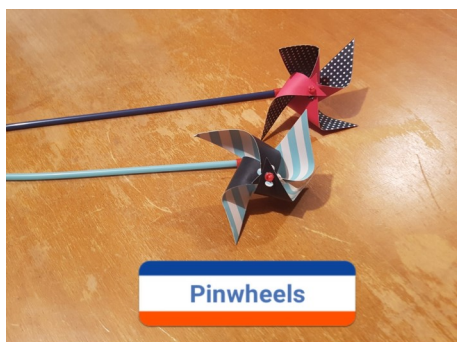
There are 34 children registered and 14 so far are using Reader Zone. Some have opted to just turn in titles. I am hoping we will have our county fair and I can get the winners their prizes at that time.

I wasn't sure how many we would get this year with all the things going on in the world, but I am pleased with how many are participating.

Hopefully next year we can get back on track and get things back to normal.

Jennifer Holthus

Grant County Library Director



Pinwheels



Titles=Tickets



Cool Sun Glasses



Activity Books

Kimball Public Library

How to teach coding when you don't know how to code

Amber Sweetland, Kimball Public Library

I have been ruminating on the idea of teaching code to children for a while but I have never coded, nor do I know more than the basics of what it really is. So, how do I teach something I know almost nothing about? I started by working to teach myself with the help of some programs and links that I have found on various sites online. I learned that coding is interesting, a simple concept, and I still didn't know enough to feel comfortable teaching it.

So, back to the drawing board. At this point I found a TED talk (TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks) about a different kind of teaching method called the "Method of the Grandmother" by Sugata Mitra. Dr. Mitra explained that we don't have to know how to do something in order to teach it. If we simply put them on the right track, give them the tools they need, and encourage them to try, they will succeed. The method of the grandmother is simply to praise them and give them encouragement to continue.

With this in mind, I tried. Last November I used our after school STEAM club for a trial run for one month. I used Code.org and only figured out the basics of how the program works. On average I have 8 kids coming for Club Next. The first week I asked all the kids to begin with the same basic lesson, a beginner lesson on what coding is and how it works. Code.org is free so after the program was over I asked the parents to sign up for an account so the kids could keep track of their progress. I have an age range from 5 to 11. Dr. Mitra suggested that rather than helping newer kids or young ones ourselves we let the kids teach each other. Therefore, whenever there was a problem I would use this pedagogical principal and say I don't know. The result was that all of the kids worked together, created amazing programs, and taught me so much.

Several months later I have integrated the coding program into the monthly rotation of our STEAM program. The kids love it so much many of them have continued at home. They ask me regularly when coding day is and come dancing into the library singing about coding day! Each time we have a coding class I give the kids 10-15 minutes at the end of the program to show off what they created that day. The results are amazing.



Paxton Public Library



Miss Ashleigh reads the *Three Little Pigs* posted online on the Paxton Library Facebook Page. A patron proudly displays his wolf creation. The craft packet parts were picked up at the library and he listened to Miss Ashleigh and completed his wolf at home.



2020 Census: Key Roles for Libraries

Excerpts from the Ncompass Blog posted on [May 7, 2019](#) by [Mary Sauers](#)

In 2020, To best position libraries to support our communities in the 2020 Census, ALA is engaging with the Census Bureau and other stakeholders to ensure that libraries are informed and represented in the policy discussions and planning process. ALA is advocating for a fair, accurate, and inclusive Census that recognizes the roles libraries will play in this vital civic effort.



Why the Census is Important

Representation: The decennial count of all U.S. residents is required by the U.S. Constitution to determine representation in Congress and the Electoral College (known as reapportionment). This data is also the basis for drawing districts for federal, state, and local offices (known as redistricting).

Funding: The Census is key to the allocation of billions of dollars in federal funding to states and localities (such as [grants to states under the Library Services and Technology Act](#)).

Information: Data resulting from the Census is widely used by researchers, governments, businesses, and other organizations (to, for example, [plan for library services](#))

Roles for Libraries

Partners in E-Government: In 2020, the Census Bureau for the first time will encourage residents to complete the Census questionnaire online, starting in March 2020. Like past e-government efforts, this likely will place additional demands on library staff and technology resources to enable people to complete the Census questionnaire.

Education and Community Outreach: Libraries have the opportunity to educate their communities about the Census. In the 2010 Census, more than 6,000 library locations hosted Census Bureau outreach activities.

Watch the Archived Ncompass Live from May 13, 2020 for helpful information.

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgID=19513>

The Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City, was awarded a Library Census Equity Fund Grant from the American Library Association to bolster library services to hard-to-count communities and help achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census. Join us to hear more about the grant, how the library is using the funding, and to learn ways that libraries can help educate community members on the importance of answering the 2020 Census questionnaire. Presenters: Denise Davis, Librarian, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City, NE; Mary Sauers, Government Information Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Free Webinar from the Public Library Association. Must be registered.

<http://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars/2020census>

Beginning with the July/August issue of The Western Sun, one to three libraries in the System will be featured. Stephanie O'Connor kicked off the series with information on Alliance Public Library.

A History of the Alliance Public Library

The 25 members of the Women's Club undertook the establishment of a public library for the citizens of Alliance, Nebraska in 1909. The first library was organized a short time later with 837 volumes placed in book cases loaned by local merchant George Darling and housed in a basement room of the Syndicate building at 323 Box Butte Avenue. Rent, including heat, light and janitor service, was \$10 per month and the women of the Club took turns acting as librarian.

A Library Board was formed in the months following. The first recorded meeting was held December 31, 1909, in the Library room when the Women's Club formally turned over the management of the library to the board. The Constitution and By-laws of the Public Library of the City of Alliance, Nebraska were adopted by the Library Board on January 5, 1910.

In March of 1910, the second site for a new building at 4th and Laramie, was purchased for \$2,500 with funds solicited from the community and from the sale by the Library Board of a cottage, garage and coal house located on the property. Application was made to the Carnegie Foundation for funds to build a library. Building began in 1911 upon approval of the funding and was completed in 1912. The City assumed full management upon completion of the building.

The Library Board contracted to finish the basement in 1920. It was used as a polling place for the city and rented out for local club meetings and young people's parties. During the 1930's a book-bindery business operated there. The basement was redone in 1938 by WPA workers. The west wing was added in 1941 with \$5,000 in funds received from Dr. Frank M. Knight upon his death in 1940. Other improvements were added throughout the building's next 65-years.

The Slagle Building, located at 524 Box Butte Avenue, was deeded to the City of Alliance on February 14, 1977, for use as a library by doctors' widows, Mrs. Ruth Burnham and Mrs. Helen Johnston, and by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Kunc. After the \$175,000 bond issue passed by a large margin on May 9, 1978, interior rooms were demolished in preparation for the extensive remodeling required to make the building usable as a library. The newly renovated library opened its doors to the public in 1980 in this third location.

The Slagle Building space proved to be inadequate. As a result, citizens of the City of Alliance, Nebraska came together to pursue a common goal with the Alliance Learning Center. The community realized the need for a larger library and more meeting rooms. Western Nebraska Community College and Chadron State College also conducted studies that showed Box Butte County citizens had been under-served for many years. In 1995, the citizens of Alliance voted to install a one-cent sales tax which would expire in five years. Funds raised from this tax were to be used for the building of a new public library/learning center, and other city needs. The Alliance City Council broke ground for the building on April 2, 1997, and the project was completed in 1998 at a cost of \$4.8 million. Sales tax monies, a grant, and donations provided funds for the project.

Fundraising efforts at the library include a bookstore in the library and the annual Literary Baskets and Read Around the Posie events. The library has a large Regional Collection that houses materials specific to the Wyo-Braska region. The library also houses the Heritage Collection which contains items penned by local authors along with rare items that describe the extensive ranching history of the beautiful Nebraska Sandhills. The library currently has three full time employees and five part time employees. This year we celebrate our 21st year in the facility and are looking forward to finding new and innovative ways to serve Alliance and the surrounding community.

The creation of the Center involved the cooperative efforts of a municipality, school district, hospital, a community college, and a state college. Over 56 citizens served on planning committees, with more than 30 employees from the different organizations providing technical expertise; and over 100 citizens helping move the library, which was completed in January of 1999.

The Alliance Public Library is proud to offer the citizens of Alliance and the surrounding area the latest in services and materials to fulfill the needs of every age group. With the support of the Alliance Public Library Advisory Board, the library staff strives to deliver services and materials in a manner to benefit all library users.



Pictures—Clockwise beginning with the Welcome Sunflowers

Read Around the Posies Auction

Christmastime at the Library

Literary Baskets Fundraising Auction

Halloween Wreath Fundraising Event at Alliance Public Library

The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Visits Storytime at the Library

Harry Potter Castle Transformation



Western Library System Board

Congratulations to the following new or incumbent members you elected to the Western Library System Board; Beth Falla, Leta Liesch, Mackenzie Watson, Matt McLaughlin, Sarah Alfred. These members will serve a three year term ending in June, 2023.

Your representatives on the Board are:

Academic/Special: Allison Reisig

At Large: Matt McLaughlin

District A: Rossella Tesch (Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux Counties)

District B: Representative: Mackenzie Watson (Banner, Morrill and Scotts Bluff Counties)

District C: Leta Liesch (Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball Counties)

District D: Jennifer Holthus (Arthur, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Keith and McPherson Counties)

District E: Beth Falla (Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock and Perkins Counties)

Public Library Representative: Sarah Alfred

Public Library Representative: Tammy Howitt Covalt

School Library Representative: Jill Hurtt

School Library Representative: Judy Starke

Deep appreciation goes to the outgoing board members who have given their time and talent over the years. Board members volunteer their time, knowledge and dedication.

Jan Sears



Kathy Terrell

Maryruth Reed

Robin Quinn

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

A.A. Milne

As Piglet, we have a large amount of gratitude.

Grant Opportunities

The STAR Net STEAM Equity Project

STAR Net STEAM Equity Project: Enhancing Learning Opportunities in Libraries of Rural Communities

Applications Open Now; submit your Notice of Intent by July 20 at <http://www.ala.org/tools/programming/steamequity>

Eligibility: Public libraries serving rural and Latino communities

The STAR Net STEAM Equity Project will help public library workers in rural communities offer outstanding, culturally responsive STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming and exhibitions for their patrons, especially often-underreached Latino populations.

Twelve creative librarians/library workers will be chosen to lead their libraries' participation in a project at the intersection of transforming library services, gender equity and cultural inclusion (especially with Latino families), STEAM learning and positive youth development.

Those interested in applying on behalf of their library are invited to complete a brief Notice of Intent (NOI) about your community demographics and needs. Eligible libraries that submit a successful NOI will be invited to submit a full proposal by the October 15, 2020 deadline.

Selected libraries will receive support at the national level from the project team as well as local partnerships, and \$15,000 to participate in professional development activities, support community partnerships and purchase materials as they customize STEAM learning experiences for their communities. In partnership with library staff and their community collaborators, the project will engage families to empower tweens in STEAM culture and learning.

Participating library workers will learn STEAM programming and outreach strategies through virtual and in-person workshops. Starting in 2021, they will host three traveling STEAM exhibitions; facilitate three STEAM programs annually; create and lend three STEAM outreach kits; and develop a STEAM exploration space in their library.

The STAR Net STEAM Equity Project is funded the National Science Foundation (NSF) and offered by the Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL/SSI), the American Library Association (ALA), Twin Cities PBS (TPT), Institute for Learning Innovation (ILI) and Education Development Center (EDC).

CANDID - An excellent source for grants and funding information and resources.

Candid is the largest and most comprehensive resource for researching foundations, discovering trends in grant making, and finding top foundations in your geographic region. The Foundation Center and GuideStar merged this year and created Candid. Highlights of the services include:

*Funding for Libraries Data Tool at foundationcenter.org

* Candid's Funding Information Networks, grantspace.org/find-us.

* Candid's FDO Quick Start, <https://fdo.foundationcenter.org>, a tool for looking up key information on all U.S. foundations.

Information taken from: Stephanie Gerding. Winning Grants: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians® (Second Edition) by Stephanie K. Gerding and Pamela H. MacKellar. © American Library Association. 2020



Western Library System Scholarship Application

- Up to \$300.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.
- All member libraries are eligible.
- One scholarship per person every two years.

Name:	
Library/School Agency:	
Phone and Email:	
Event Date:	
Requested Amount:	

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the Activity:

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Send all requests to: Western Library System Fax: 308-632-3978
 615 S. Beltline Hwy West
 Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Email: wlsasst@gmail.com

Featured Resource from the Nebraska Library Commission

Digital Literacy Guidebook

Overview

This guide is designed to help libraries meet the growing digital needs of their communities. The internet has changed how people communicate, access information, learn new skills, do business and so much more. However each community and individual will require different digital skills to meet their needs and goals.

Many individual libraries do not have the time or resources to tackle everything, for every age group and experience level. This guide will use a combination of worksheets, planning guides and curated resources to help you narrow focus to a specific target audience, identify which digital skills you would like to tackle, and prioritize what is feasible based upon time, staff comfort level, and available resources.

If you are a library staff member in Nebraska feel free to take the [Digital Literacy Course](#), offered by the Nebraska Library Commission, and learn with others who are focused on the same goals. Working together, we can make digital literacy feasible for every library. So let's get started!



LEARNING

Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events: Sessions count for CE credits.

NCompass Live is broadcast live, every Wednesday, from 9am - 10am, Mountain Time. For more information, to register for NCompass Live, or to listen to recordings of past events, go to:

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/>

NCompass Live Webinars		Wednesdays 9am-10am (Mountain)
Nebraska Libraries in the Time of COVID: Planning for Reopening	July 1	
Here's What Python Does for US: What Can I Do For Your Library?	July 8	
Ncompass Live: The Taming of the Site: Helping Users Find What They Need Where They Expect IT	July 15	
Ncompass Live: Creating Accessible Materials for Library Instruction	July 22	
Pretty Sweet Tech	July 29	
Pretty Sweet Tech	August 26	

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

8/17 - 8/28	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/13 - 8/7
8/31 - 9/11	Programming & Outreach	Christa Porter	7/27 - 8/21
9/21 - 10/2	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	8/17 - 9/11
10/19 - 10/30	Management/Supervision	Scott Childers	9/14 - 10/9
11/2 - 11/13	Leadership	Holli Duggan	9/28 - 10/23
11/30 - 12/11	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	10/26 - 11/20



Join us at the Western Library System's Annual Meeting on July 28th at the Knight Museum & Sandhills Center in Alliance. There is an extended time before the meeting for networking.

9:00 Coffee, Rolls and Registration

10:00 Meeting and Program

12:15 Lunch (catered by the Knight Museum & Sandhills Center)

Registration: E-mail wlsasst@gmail.com or call 308-632-1350 with the names of each person from your organization who will be attending.

\$15.00 at the door

Scholarships are available to pay for travel expenses and meeting costs. See page 13 for details.



Creighton University Health Sciences Library as a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) are offering the following: All times are in the Mountain Time Zone.

Food for Thought Self Paced

July 6 to July 31 <https://nnlm.gov/class/food-thought-exploring-nutrition-information-resources-july-2020/25754>

Getting Started with Information Outreach in your Community: An Introduction. The class provides a background in cultural competence and outreach skills to minority populations in your community.

July 9, 11:00-12:00 <https://nnlm.gov/class/getting-started-information-outreach-your-community-introduction/25164>

Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library.

July 10– August 7 <https://nnlm.gov/class/beyond-apple-day-providing-consumer-health-information-your-library/25242>

I Am....Safe Zone: Gender This!

July 15, 8:00-9:00 <https://nnlm.gov/class/i-am-safe-zone-gender/13191>

Food Literacy for Families, Libraries, and Communities.

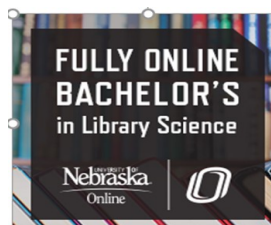
July 16, 11:00-12:00 <https://nnlm.gov/class/food-literacy-families-libraries-and-communities-south-carolina-read-eat-grow/25805>

A(ddiction) to Z(its): Supporting Teens with Health Information that may be of interest to library professionals in your region.

July 26, 11:00-12:00 <https://nnlm.gov/class/addiction-zits-supporting-teens-health-information/25686>

Health and Wellness@the Library: The Essentials of Providing Consumer Health Resources.

August 3 - August 28 <https://nnlm.gov/class/health-and-wellness-library-essentials-providing-consumer-health-services/21732>



Most of our students are full-time working adults and online learning gives them the flexibility to take a few courses a semester while also maintaining their busy life schedules. Options are available for students to complete an entire degree or just take individual courses. The online Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies degree program accepts most transfer credits from regionally accredited colleges and universities, as well as considers non-traditional credit from formal training experiences which have been evaluated and approved by specific agencies and committees.

Three options to choose from:

Bachelor of Science in Education: This option is for individuals looking to advance their career and prepares students for graduate work in American Library Association-accredited programs.

Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies: This option is ideal for individuals seeking entry-level employment in academic, public, and special libraries anywhere in the world.

Individual Courses: This route works well for individuals who want a professional development option that allows for gaining knowledge in one or two particular course areas without completing an entire degree program.



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings <http://www.cccneb.edu/library>

Enrollment for Fall 2020 is open

Fall 2020: August 17, 2020 – December 11, 2020

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

Library history and organizations

Foundation Principles/Code of Ethics

Information databases and Internet usage

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

Leadership principles

Management strategies

Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library and Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings	
Fall 2020	Spring 2021
LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services
LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies
LIBR 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification

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Blocks Rock
BookKits (check WLS website for list)
Breakout Kits - One Platform - Escape Room
Cricut and Heat Press
Dragon Puppets - 1 red and 1 green (see picture below)
EVO Ozobot
Frog Guiro
Gizmos and Gadgets
LEGO Boost and Book
Makey Makey Classics
Makey Makey STEM Kits (12 projects)
Speaker System with microphone
Star Punch (3 1/4 inches across)
Star Wars Droid and R2-D2

In Office Use
Book Repair System (Self-serve)
COOL Laminator
Disc Repair System (WLS staff will do this for you)
Embroidery Machine



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